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Thank you for your request concerning Covid at Victoria Court.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

**‘Recorded Guidelines when Cohorting Service Users on Inpatient Wards’ Version 6
Dr James Sutcliffe Version 6 | Issued 10 Aug 2020 | Ratified 15 May 2020**

Can the Trust provide

1. The correct version of the above policy in place on 12 April 2020

Please see attached our Clinical and Professional Advisory Committee (CPAC) guidelines on cohorting service users on inpatient wards. We have located version 1. This policy was not in place until 13 May 2020. There were many versions written in a short space of time as we balanced the competing needs of service users with regards to Mental Health (MH) / Learning Disability (LD) and infection prevention and control.

V5.3 was the first version to be ratified and published. All previous versions refer to versions of the draft which reflect the complexity of the issues at the time.

CPAC was set up on the 18/03/2020 to advise the Trust on applying infection control principles in MH and LD settings giving the complexities of caring for service users with mental illness and learning disabilities during the pandemic.

2. Guidance/Policies and Procedures in place on 12 April 2020

Please see attached other guidance.

- Standard Operational Procedures for managing challenging behaviour of service users suspected of being COVID 19 positive v1 : 02/04/2020
- Isolation of Service Users 02/04/2020
- A-Z of Infections v5 : 27/11/2017
- Outbreak Control Plan v6 : 10/03/2020
- Respiratory Tract Infection Guidelines v1.5 : 24/01/2019

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

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